

CROWLEY IS WINNER.

THE COMMITTEE WILL REPORT THAT HE RETAIN

His Seat, and He is Agreeably Surprised as He Had Lost Hope—Rosenthal is Greatly Disappointed as He Had Been Assured That He Would Be Seated.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—The elections committee, which has had charge of the contested case of Rosenthal vs. Crowley, was in executive session yesterday considering the case mentioned. A few days ago the committee had about made up its mind to give Rosenthal the seat, but as the Republicans began to get down into the case they weakened on this idea. They saw, so they now say, that in order to give Rosenthal the seat they would have to allow him the advantage of a technicality in one place, that is, in Port Bend county, and at the same time rule against the same technicality in another place, that is, in Galveston county. So it is said that the report will be made at once in which Crowley will be allowed to retain his seat. Very naturally there is great disappointment on the part of Rosenthal, as he was assured that he would be seated, and joy on the part of Crowley, who three days ago had about given up hopes of keeping his place.

There is nothing as yet in regard to the case of the Abbott-Kearby contest. The committee has not yet in executive session considered the case, but as it is pushing things along rapidly it is expected something definite from it will be heard in a day or two. Abbott's counsel has filed some additional papers.

A Scramble Over Cannon.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—The session of the house was short yesterday. The opposition to a bill reported from the pension committee to amend the act of 1890 so that the widows' claims after an unexplained absence of the husband of seven years should be considered evidence of death, led to the making of a point of order and the house was forced to adjourn.

The session opened with a scramble on the resolution of condemned cannon.

After the matter had been discussed and Mr. Fickler had offered an omnibus amendment to provide for condemned cannon for G. A. R. departments of each state and territory, the clamor for cannon became so loud that the bill and amendments were referred to the committee on naval affairs.

A demand by Mr. Crisp for the regular order resulted in the call of the committee for bills under which bills were passed to exclude the public lands of Alabama from the operation of the law of 1883 relating to mineral lands, granting homesteaders on the Yankton Indian reservation leave of absence for one year; to designate the officer before whom preliminary entries of public lands can be made.

Adjourned.

One Way.

MONTREAL, Canada, Jan. 30.—Joseph Vincent Herreboudt, formerly of Bruges, Belgium, now a Montreal advocate, has sued his children, Joseph Leon Herreboudt, formerly of Montreal, but now of Bruges; Jean Herreboudt and others for an alimentary allowance of \$60 per month. He alleges that he is reduced to poverty and has no means of earning a livelihood. His son, Joseph Herreboudt, 24 years old, is, he says, the director general of the business of the Sun Life Insurance company of Montreal, at Brussels, and is earning large sums of money. His son-in-law, the Viscount D'Ivey, he claims, is worth \$80,000. His daughter, Clara Herreboudt, he states, lives at Brussels with her mother, possessing a great talent for designing and painting and is thereby able to earn large sums of money.

Besides providing for himself, Mr. Herreboudt alleges that he is obliged to support his daughter, Bertha, who is married to Jules Van de Kerckhove, who is unable to support her. He further says that he belongs to a noble family in Belgium and that he occupied a high social position before the reverses of fortune.

The Bayard Resolutions.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—There is likely to be a very interesting debate in the house committee on foreign affairs to-day over the proposition to report a resolution censuring Ambassador Bayard for two speeches which he made at Edinburgh, and at Boston, England. The subcommittee appointed to act in the matter concluded that should such a resolution be reached the wording should be left to the committee. From developments of the work it seems possible that the committee will be divided along party lines on the question and that the Democrats will make a fight in the committee and in the house against a censure. It was thought at first that a committee might frame a mild expression of disapproval to which the Democratic members would assent, but the Democrats now are manifesting a disposition to oppose any censure however mild.

Must Pay.

LONDON, Jan. 30.—A dispatch from Berlin says: A semi-official statement has been published warning President Crespo of Venezuela that he can not count upon the help of the United States to assist him in shirking his obligations supporting Germany takes measures to enforce the payment of railroad claims. The Monroe doctrine may perhaps be applied to territorial questions, but can not be invoked to protect defaulting debtors against the claims of the European states.

Fate of Prospector.

HERMOSILLA, Mex., Jan. 30.—A terrible fate is believed to have befallen a party of five gold prospectors who left here several weeks ago for the interior of Tiburon island, which is inhabited by the Seri tribe of Indians. There were six members of the exploring party originally, but one of the men has arrived at a ranch near here and reports that he and his companions came upon a village of Indians; that they were all taken captive and preparations began to butcher them, when he succeeded in making his escape. He believes all the other members of the party were killed and their flesh eaten by the Indians. He states that the Indians all wear valuable gold ornaments and that there were many evidences of the existence of rich mines on the island.

Went into the Cellar.

SANDUSKY, O., Jan. 30.—One hundred and fifty guests had assembled at the home of Albert H. Baker, near this city, last night to attend the wedding of Baker's daughter. Just as the ceremony was about to begin the floor suddenly gave way, precipitating about seventy-five people into the cellar, a distance of ten feet. Fortunately the lamp was extinguished, but candles set fire to the clothing of some of the women and a panic ensued. The people were piled four and five deep, and it was some time before the fire was extinguished and the guests extricated from the cellar. Mrs. H. M. Norton was fatally injured, and William Arnold and William Starr were badly hurt, while many others escaped with less serious injuries.

A Fleeing Prisoner Killed.

Whiting dispatch: George Banygyl was shot and killed at East Chicago by Officer Winters while he was making his escape from Justice Chaney's court, where he was having a hearing for participation in a riot at a Polish wedding celebration the night before. Officer Winters was arrested. He said he fired the shot to frighten the fugitive. It is said Banygyl was arrested as a rioter in the place of another man, said to be Andrew Jonski. He is reported to have declared that there was a mistake in his arrest and for that reason he tried to run away. As a result of the killing of their countryman the Slavs are in a wild state of excitement.

Patriotic Ladies.

Caracas, dispatch: Many women here have organized for the protection of Venezuelan interests against European aggression. They announce that they have established a boycott against English goods. The agents of the railroad built by German capitalists say that no abrupt demand has been made by their government in their behalf. They add that the affair has been pending for several months, and that daily conferences have been held with officials of the Venezuelan administration. All this was acquiesced in by the German agents in the hope that the matter will be promptly settled.

National Board of Trade.

Washington dispatch: The first session of the annual meeting of the National Board of Trade was held here with the venerable Frederick Fraley, president, in the chair. Several new trade organizations were admitted to membership, and the boards of trade of Detroit and New Orleans were granted permission to withdraw for reasons of a pecuniary nature. The reports of the executive council and the treasurer were read and approved. Hon. Frederick Fraley of Philadelphia, now in his 93d year, was unanimously re-elected president by a rising vote.

Gladstone on Armenia.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—A special from London says: Mr. Gladstone has written another letter on the Armenian question, in which he refers to the victory of the sultan over the powers. He says:

"I can not wholly abandon the hope that out of this darkness light will arise, but the matter rests with the Almighty, to whom surely all should address fervent prayers in behalf of his suffering creatures."

Mrs. Lockwood Disbarred.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—Belva A. Lockwood, once a presidential candidate on the Woman's Rights ticket and now a practicing attorney in this city, was yesterday disbarred from practice as an attorney or agent before the pension bureau.

This action grows out of a charge made by the pension department, accusing Mrs. Lockwood with having improperly accepted a fee of \$25 in a pension claim.

Not Quite Recognition.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—The senate committee on foreign relations has agreed to report a resolution on the Cuban question. The resolution does not go quite so far as to recommend recognition, but is more emphatic than the extension of sympathy.

In Culberson's Favor.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—The house elections committee No. 8 has decided the contested election of Davis vs. Culberson from the fourth Texas district unanimously in favor of Culberson. The contestant made no appearance before the committee.

Agricultural Appropriations.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—The house committee on agriculture yesterday finished the bill making appropriations for the support of the agricultural department for the fiscal year 1897. The total amount carried by the bill was \$3,158,392, as against \$5,303,750 appropriated for the present fiscal year. The \$150,000 carried by last year's bill for the purchase and distribution of valuable seeds, but which was unexpended by Secretary Morton, is now appropriated.

HUNGER AT THE DOOR.

POVERTY AND WIDE SPREAD SUFFERING IN

Store for the People of Cuba Unless Hostilities Are Concluded—No vote on the Silver-Bond Bill by the Senate as Yet—The German Crisis.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—Representative Money of Mississippi, the senator-elect from that state, has recently received advices from Cuba which are of considerable interest. According to the statements of Mr. Money's informant, the devastation of that island has been carried on to such an extent that poverty, famine and widespread suffering will surely prevail in the near future unless by some means the hostilities are brought to a close. The writer says that the crops of this season have been practically destroyed throughout most of the island, the cane mills stopped, bridges burned, roads torn up and business almost entirely killed for the time.

The inevitable result of the continuance of the war, says the writer, will be a famine throughout the farming district of Cuba. The United States being the nearest powerful neighbor of the island, and having always responded to calls from suffering countries, will naturally be looked to for assistance.

The letter says that many Spanish residents of the island and all Cubans support the insurrection. The Spaniards desire some form of autonomy and the Cubans want absolute independence or annexation to the United States.

Senators Still Talking.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—A very animated debate closed the senate session late last evening over the question of taking the vote on the pending silver bond bill. It had been expected throughout the day that Mr. Jones of Arkansas, in charge of the measure, would hold the senate in session until a vote was forced. He had given notice of this purpose and senators were prepared for it. But at 4:15, when Mr. Vilas received the floor for a speech, he yielded for a motion to go into executive session.

Mr. Jones explained that it was proposed to take a recess until to-day. He felt satisfied, he said, that a vote could be taken in the near future.

This led to much discussion. Mr. Chandler was sarcastic at the abandonment of the motion for a vote.

Mr. Stewart declared that it made

no difference when a vote was taken.

"It was all dress parade and buncombe," he added. The significant statement that the pending silver amendment would be germane as an amendment to the tariff bill, and that when the latter measure came before the senate he would offer a silver amendment to test senators on their wishes between silver and tariff.

Emergency Deficiency Bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—The urgency deficiency bill was yesterday reported to the senate from the committee on appropriations, being the first of the appropriation bills to go to the senate this session.

It increases the total appropriation for deficiencies over the amount appropriated by the house bill to the extent of \$1,509,664, the total being \$5,930,667. The principal items of increase are \$180,000 to complete the new congressional library building; \$441,104 to pay judgments (principally letter carriers' claims) of the court of claims; \$299,789 to pay expenses of the United States courts and \$75,000 for lack pensions and bounties.

The bill is also amended so as to provide for the payment to Hon. M. W. Ransom, minister to Mexico, \$2086, being the amount of salary due for July and August, 1895, for which he received no pay, owing to the irregularity of his appointment.

The old Liberty bell has been returned to Philadelphia from Atlanta.

Indian Appropriation Bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—The Indian appropriation bill has been completed by the subcommittee on Indian affairs having it in charge and probably will be acted on by the full committee in the latter part of the week. As agreed upon by the subcommittee it will appropriate about \$100,000 less than the amount provided for the current fiscal year. The decrease in any one item is said not to be very heavy and will not impair the efficiency of the service.

German Crisis.

LONDON, Jan. 31.—All the special dispatches from Berlin yesterday discuss the rumored resignations of the ministers as the outcome of the discussion over the naval needs of the empire.

The Vossische Zeitung says that the retirement of Dr. von Boetticher, secretary of state for the interior, is a certainty, and that he will be succeeded by Herr von Puttkamer.

It is also reported that Vice Admiral Holman, secretary of state for the navy, has resigned.

The Berlin correspondent of the Standard says that if the latter report be true it may be regarded as an indication that it has been decided to build several swift cruisers.

The Berlin correspondent of the Times, noticing these rumors, says:

"Where everything depends on one sovereign will, the exercise of which is not subject to any known laws, it is useless to attempt to forecast the future."

A Terrible Explosion.

HOLLIDAYSBURG, Pa., Jan. 31.—Five persons were killed and nearly a score were injured, some of them fatally, by the explosion of a large 30-inch cylinder boiler at the works of the Hollidaysburg Iron Nail company yesterday morning.

The only employees uninjured were the engineer and fireman.

The boiler was blown through the roof of the works 300 feet in the air and came sailing down like a spent rocket, crashing through the roof in another department. The entire roof was precipitated to the floor below by the force of the explosion and the works practically wrecked.

The explosion was sufficient to rock the earth with the force of an earthquake, and broke hundreds of windows a quarter of a mile from the mill.

Family Cremated.

MARSHALL, Mich., Jan. 31.—Harvey Page, his wife and two children were burned to death in their home in Marge township, a few miles northeast of this city, early yesterday morning. Page and family occupied one-half of a double log house where they lived, and his brother Wilbur and family the other half; the latter family slept on the lower floor and Harvey's family slept upstairs. When Wilbur discovered the fire he and his hired man tried vainly to reach the helpless people upstairs who were overcome by smoke and burned to death. The house burned to the ground and the bodies, horribly charred, fell into the cellar.

SOME LEADING MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MANUFACTURERS.



Thomas F. Egan, P. E. Studebaker, Thomas Deane, W. S. Shallenberger, Robert Laidlaw, L. D. Fitzgerald, Edwin Lovejoy, Pres. Mfg. Ass. John B. Kirk, E. P. Wilson, R. G. Salomon, Frederick W. Steyer, Percy Jewell, Warner Miller, John B. Howarth.

Politics in Mexico.

Mexico City dispatch: The presidential campaign is beginning. Gen. Mariano Escobedo, who besieged and captured Maximilian at Queretaro, has been nominated for the presidency by a political club, composed of members of the liberal party. He is an old man, but is ambitious and in fair health and has the universal respect of the community, being a gallant soldier. Many clubs have nominated Gen. Diaz and it is probable this spring, before the June elections, a conference of the National Liberal party will be convened and will nominate Diaz for his fifth term, he having become president in 1876 and has served ever since except from 1889 to 1892. He has not yet indicated whether he will accept another term or not.

What Mr. Dingley Said.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—Chairman Dingley yesterday told a delegation from Boston, who were given a hearing by the ways and means committee in behalf of a plan for the Merchants' association of Boston for the maintenance of the parity of all kinds of money, that the house had passed two bills which would, if enacted, avert the danger to the treasury which they feared. He advised them to bring all the arguments in their power to bear upon the senate to pass the bills and to create a sentiment in favor of those bills among the commercial bodies of the country and arouse those bodies to petition the senate to pass the two house bills.

Major General Miles, before the committee on coast defenses, pronounced our cannon at Charleston and Savannah as of no value.

Alex. Jones, a negro desperado, was hanged at Welch, W. Va., on the 28th inst. by a mob for killing two persons of board a train.

The war fever throughout the world seems to be going down.

President Cleveland is off on another pleasure trip.

CORNER OF ODDITIES.

SOME queer and CURIOUS THINGS IN THE NEWS.

Dog Brought His Pardon—The Burglar Was a Woman—Hog Swallows a Watch—Spooks Drive Them Out—Anecdote and Incident.

Is he dead? Is he dead? The children said As the sad word sped along. "Why, it cannot be, for but yesterday You read us his last sweet song."

Then a little maid gave answer Both wise, and tender, and true, "He is not dead, but has gone away To find the 'Little Boy Blue.'"

It may be a child's sweet fancy, But 'twas like the post dead But turn from the masses of women and men And go where the little child led.

That while he lay dreaming some beautiful dream— Some token the angels knew— His soul was wooed by the same sweet song That awakened the "Little Boy Blue."

How the first at the portals to greet him At the gate where St. Peter stands, Was the child his song had made holy, With waiting outstretched hands.

Then the children asked with trembling voice, With a feeling of kinship new— "Has he told him how faithful those little toy friends— Has he told the 'Little Boy Blue'?"

Dog Brought His Pardon.

The last day of his term of office Governor Brown of Kentucky pardoned O. G. Garden of Louisville, who was sentenced two years to serve a term of eight years for manslaughter. For some time Garden had been employed as a "trustee" at the executive mansion, doing chores and running errands. The governor's dog, a fine-looking specimen of the shepherd breed, is a family pet, and is unusually intelligent. It was part of Garden's duty to look after the animal, and they came to be fast friends. When the prison doors were opened in the morning the collar was there to greet his convict friend and accompany him to the mansion. At night he returned with his striped playmate to the grim portals. When the pardon was made out last Tuesday the paper was enclosed in a stout envelope and given to the animal, which was told to go to the penitentiary. With a wag of its tail it left the mansion and ran down the old accustomed route to the prison. A telephone message apprised the guards of his coming, and he was admitted without delay. Garden was in the yard patiently awaiting the arrival of the governor's messenger, never dreaming that the dog had been selected. Catching sight of the well-known face, the dog ran up to the convict and laid the envelope at his feet. The glad cry of happy surprise that the overjoyed prisoner gave vent to on catching up the official envelope and tearing it open was re-echoed by a succession of joyous barks from the four-footed harbinger of the good tidings. A moment later man and dog were running at full speed toward the governor's office to turn the release over to the warden. The scene was witnessed by fifty or more convicts, who quickly realized the good fortune that had come to their fellow prisoner. Removing their caps they gave three cheers for the lucky fellow.—Ex.

Has Gazed Into Heaven.

Muncie (Ind.) special: Vernon C. Richmond, a 19-year-old boy, has caused considerable excitement within the last few days by going into a trance at least twice every day, and after recovering would tell of the strange sights he had seen. Rev. Coons commenced revival services at the Methodist Episcopal Church a few weeks ago, and Richmond has been a constant attendant. He was converted, and last Tuesday went into a trance and remained in that condition twenty-two hours. His body was cold and rigid, with the exception of his arms. His eyes remained open, and shone like those of a maniac. After recovering from this trance he had nothing to say, only that he was conscious of everything that was transpiring around him. He says that he has gazed into heaven, and that he saw a beautiful scene. He described heaven as one large room filled with angels, all of whom wore crowns. He says Jesus was seated in the center of the room on a throne, and also wore a crown. He was surrounded by shining stars. He says that among the angels he noticed a number of his deceased relatives, among them being two of his sisters and an aunt. They clapped their hands and sang when they saw him.

Spooks Drive Them Out.

Last May the bodies of two young men who were drowned in Lake Ontario were taken to a cottage at Sodas Point, N. Y., belonging to George Emery, where an autopsy was held. To keep out the prying eyes of observers, the carpets were torn up and hung at the windows. Then the cooking utensils were used to contain various portions of the bodies as they were dissected, and the blood was spilled all over the furniture, hangings and carpets indiscriminately. Much of the furniture was ruined. But the worst was to come. Time and money cleaned up the cottage, but nothing could drive away the disembodied spirits of the unfortunate young men, as for some reason they took a fancy to the Emery cottage. Several parties of young people, rented it, but after remaining there a night or two they decamped. Ugly stories got about. Mischievous boys nailed such signs as "Spooks to let," "Ghosts for sale" and "The Morgue" to the premises. Finally Mr. Emery himself moved in, but his family did not care to remain any longer than the others. Just what happened nobody cares to tell, but there are whispers of groans, blows, the splashing of water and blood-curdling screams that are loudest on windy nights. However foolish such stories sound, they are believed by hundreds in and about Sodas Point, and the cottage is rendered worse than useless by them. Mr. Emery has asked the board of supervisors of Wayne county, N. Y., to pay \$187 for damages done by the coroner, which amount, he says, is merely nominal.

Cast His Bread on the Water.
New York special: About four years ago Henry Lewis, a confectioner, who lives with his wife and six children at 52 Floyd street, Brooklyn, found an aged woman sitting on the stoop of his house. She was poorly dressed and evidently without funds. As she showed evidences of culture, he invited her to his home. She accepted, and Mrs. Lewis refused to let her go. The aged visitor remained with them until six months ago, when Lewis found it a difficult matter to support his family. Then she told him she would not continue to be a burden on them, and insisted on going to the poorhouse at Flatbush, where she remained until a few weeks ago, when she returned. She had gone away comparatively a pauper, but returned worth \$300,000, which she has turned over to Lewis for his kindness in taking her in and caring for her when she was without a friend. The discovery that she was heir to the money was made when the surrogate of San Francisco inquired for her through the Brooklyn surrogate, and it was discovered that she was an inmate of the poorhouse.

Revival in Prison.

Warden Harley, of the Indiana state prison, tells of a remarkable religious revival in progress in the penitentiary. Since the wave of religious excitement struck the prison more than 100 of the most hardened convicts have professed conversion. A Christian Endeavor Society, with 200 members, has been organized within the prison walls. The warden says the convicts who are at the head of the society are wondering if the society will be entitled to delegates in the next national convention of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor. Various religious forms have been introduced in the prison. Those convicts whose consciences tell them they ought to be baptized are taken to the bath room, where, with solemn ceremony, they are baptized in a bath tub. The warden says there has been a great improvement in the conduct of the 900 convicts since the religious wave took hold on a prison. He is encouraging the "lapsed" and convicts in the movement.

Barber Shop in a Pulpit.

Rev. H. H. Ford, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church at St. Louis, Mich., preached Sunday morning to the barber of the city. His text was Ezekiel, v. 1, "A Barber's Razor." At the right of the pulpit was a barber's chair, towels, two mirrors and the paraphernalia usually seen in a well-equipped shop. Mr. Ford gave a brief history of the profession and its long existence, after which he compared the various paraphernalia to different phases in human life, combining the worldly with the spiritual. The chair he represented as self-examination; the mirror, the bible, the study of which should create a light; shears, truth, how, after a strong application of the truth, false ideas would vanish.

The Burglar Was a Woman.

Robert Powell of Rushville, Ind., was awakened Saturday night by the sound of footsteps on the tin roofing covering his porch and he saw the figure of a man evidently trying to raise a window. Mr. Powell gave chase and captured the intruder some distance away, but not until after a fierce resistance, followed by the startling discovery that his captive was a woman dressed in male clothing. The woman begged piteously for release, but she stubbornly refused to give her name, saying to Mr. Powell that she would be everlastingly ruined and that she had been driven to attempt robbery by want. Her tears and entreaties prevailed and Mr. Powell suffered her to go.

Hog Swallows a Watch.

J. F. Patterson, a farmer living west of Fort Dodge, Iowa, is minus a gold watch, a valuable family heirloom, through a strange mishap. He was out in the hog yard, when he happened to drop the timepiece. The glitter of the gold caught the watchful eyes of the porkers and they made a unanimous rush for the watch. When Mr. Patterson succeeded in driving them away the watch was gone, and it is quite evident that one of the animals swallowed it. As there were nearly fifty hogs in the inclosure it would hardly pay to kill them to secure the timepiece, and that is the only way to secure it.

Three Odd Items.

A man in Howard county, Mo., burns the cobs in his pig pen, left after the corn is eaten, and feeds the cob ashes to the pigs, nicely salted.
Mrs. W. H. Mier, of Hunter's Bottom, Ky., had three nice, new babies recently—a pair of girls and a boy. A lady living near there can say, however, "Huh! That's nothing. I've had four myself."
George Muller of Bristol, England, is 90. He has founded orphan's homes and things, has never asked for a cent, yet received \$7,000,000. He just passed for it.